MARTINEZ, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BLACKWELL, and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.J. Res. 434: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ATKINS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FASCELL, Mr. GUARINI, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HUTTO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. MCMILLEN of Maryland, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OAKAR, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PERKINS, Mr. STUDDS, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

H. Con. Res. 224: Mr. BROWN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. LEVINE of California, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. MCCLOSKEY, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. RUSSO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GOODLING, and Mr. WEBER.

H. Con. Res. 256: Mr. NAGLE, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. VENTO, Mr. LUKEN, Mr. GREEN of New York, Mr. DWYER of New Jersey, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JONES of Georgia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SWETT, Mr. JONTZ, Mr. WOLPE, Mr. HERTEL, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. OWENS of New York, Mr. PENNY, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mrs. MINK, Mr. MCMILLEN of Maryland, and Mr. HALL of Ohio.

H. Con. Res. 263: Ms. NORTON.

H. Con. Res. 281: Mr. EVANS, Mr. BUSTAMANTE, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, and Mr. HUGHES.

H. Res. 234: Mr. PORTER.

H. Res. 271: Mr. HAYES of Illinois, Mr. NAGLE, and Mr. JONES of Georgia.

H. Res. 315: Mr. DELAY.

H. Res. 385: Mr. LAGOMARSINO.

H. Res. 391: Mr. GREEN of New York, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. LAGOMARSINO.

¶26.20 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1755: Mr. MCCURDY.

H.R. 2824: Mr. BEREUTER.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992 (27)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶27.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 11, 1992.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶27.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

3080. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to remove an obsolete section of that act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3081. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification of the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Germany for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 92–17), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3082. A letter from the Director, U.S. Information Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 235 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–246) and to amend section 701 of the U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1984, as amended (Public Law 80–402); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3083. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1991, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Operations.

3084. A letter from the Secretary, Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1991, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Operations.

3085. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the ''High Plains States Groundwater Demonstration Program 1991 Interim Report,'' pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 390g–2(c)(2); to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

3086. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Railroad Retirement Tax Act and the Railroad Retirement Act to ease administration of those acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3087. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to repeal the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report regarding the economic policy and trade practices of each country with which the United States has an economic or trade relationship, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 4711; jointly, to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means.

3089. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriation for fiscal year 1993 for the U.S. Coast Guard; jointly, to the Committees on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Armed Services.

3090. A letter from the Department of the Army, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the appropriations of funds from the harbor maintenance trust fund to the Department of the Army for payment of administrative expenses incurred in administering the port use fee and to clarify funding from the inland waterways trust fund for rehabilitation costs of existing and future projects for navigation on the inland and coastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Public Works and Transportation and Ways and Means.

3091. A letter from the Army, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Water Resources Development Act of 1992''; jointly, to the Committees on Public Works and Transportation; Interior and Insular Affairs; Merchant Marine and Fisheries; Science, Space, and Technology; and Energy and Commerce.

¶27.3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2344. An Act to improve the provision of health care and other services to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

¶27.4 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3732

Mr. BIELENSON by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 394):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3732) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to eliminate the division of discretionary appropriations into 3 categories for purposes of a discretionary spending limit for fiscal year 1993, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. After general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and which shall not exceed three hours, with two and one-half hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Operations and one-half hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶27.5 BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCNULTY, pursuant to House Resolution 394 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3732) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to eliminate the division of discretionary appropriations into 3 categories for purposes of a discretionary spending limit for fiscal year 1993, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCNULTY, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. JENKINS as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

When Mr. JENKINS, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶27.6 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RECESSES

On motion of Mr. GEPHARDT, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it may be in order during the legislative day of March 12, 1992, for the Speaker to declare recesses at any time subject to the call of the Chair.

¶27.7 BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

The SPEAKER, pursuant to House Resolution 394 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3732) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to eliminate the division of discretionary appropriations into 3 categories for purposes of a discretionary spending limit for fiscal year 1993, and for other purposes.